INTERMEDIATE

ESSENTIALS

Fabric: knit, 2.5m (137cm); woven, 40cm (137cm)
Lightweight fusible interfacing, 5cm square
Elastic, 3.8cm wide (see chart for length)
Drawstring cord, 6mm x waist circumference plus 50cm
Eyelets, two, 1cm

SUGGESTED FABRICS

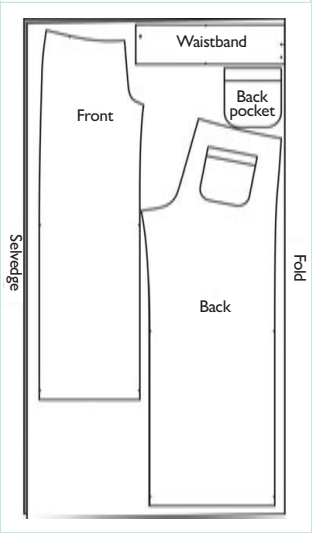
Four-way stretch knit, such as jersey, or non-stretch woven, such as cotton or chambray

CUTTING GUIDE

Front: cut one pair
Back: cut one pair
Waistband: cut one on the fold
Back pocket: cut one pair
Back pocket opening: cut one pair from non-stretch woven

1.5cm seam allowance used throughout, unless otherwise stated.

LAY PLAN



See pattern download for the Finished Garment Measurement chart for this project

You'll love to lounge in the slinky-soft Fortuna Trousers

Comfort is top priority over the winter months, and this laid-back pattern offers up oodles of it. Designed for stretch knit fabric, the mid-rise Fortuna by **Kennis Wong** comes with a drawstring cord and elasticised waistband, plus you'll find round-bottom back pockets with a woven fabric accent. Once you've finished, be sure to pick up the *Sew Beautiful* title to discover the shorts and joggers add-on for the summer months.

1 Download the pattern at **sewmag.co.uk**, then print and cut out. Follow the cutting guide and transfer the markings to the fabric before removing the pieces. Apply interfacing to the wrong side of the waistband, over the two circles at the centre front. Re-mark the circles' position.

2 On the back pocket opening, fold and press 1cm of one long edge toward the wrong side. Pin the non-folded edge of the back pocket opening to the back pocket, with right side of the opening against the wrong side of the pocket, aligning the side edges. Stitch. Grade the seam allowances; the pocket allowance should be trimmed shorter than the seam allowance of the back pocket opening.

3 Press the seam allowances toward the back pocket, then understitch the seam allowances to the back pocket. Turn the back pocket opening to the right side of the back pocket and press; the seam should not be visible from the right side. Pin the fold created in step 2 onto the back pocket. Edgestitch close to the fold, through the back pocket opening and the back pocket. Edgestitch close to the top edge opening. Topstitch two lines of stitching, evenly between and parallel to the two lines of edgestitching, and press. Finish the raw edge of the back pocket as desired.

4 Using a 4mm stitch length, sew a line in the seam allowance along the rounded corner of the back pocket, starting 5cm on the side to 5cm at the bottom, leaving long tails of thread at the beginning and end; this stitch line will be used for gathering and will make folding the seam allowance along the rounded corner easier. Repeat for the other rounded corner on the same back pocket.

5 Fold and press 1cm of the side edges and bottom edge toward the wrong side. Pull the long tails of thread to gather the fabric at the rounded corner. As the fabric is gathered, a fold is created neatly around the rounded corner. Press. Repeat for the other rounded corner on the same back pocket. Pin the back pocket to the back, according to the pocket placement marking, with wrong side of the back pocket on the right side of the back.

6 Edgestitch the back pocket onto the back from one top corner to the other top corner, then around the rounded corner and edge. Leave the top opening of the pocket unstitched. To sew a bar tack in the upper corner of the back pocket opening, select zig zag stitch on the machine; use a 2.5mm width, 0.3mm length and sew for 6mm. Stitch another bar tack in the other upper corner. Repeat steps 2-6 for the other pocket opening, back pocket and back.

7 With right sides together, pin the front to the back at the side. Stitch or overlock the pinned side. Press the seam allowances toward the back. Finish the seam allowances as desired, if the seam was stitched. Repeat for the other side and press. With right sides together, pin the front to the back at the in-seam. Stitch or overlock the pinned in-seam. Press the seam allowances toward the back. Finish the seam allowances as desired, if the seam was stitched. Repeat for the other i n-seam and press.

8 Turn one leg right side out and turn the other leg wrong side out. Insert the right-side-out leg into the wrong-side leg, so that the right sides are against each other. Align the crotch edges and pin together. Stitch or overlock the crotch seam from the top of the front to the top of the back in one continuous line. Press the seam allowances toward the left-hand side as worn. Finish the seam allowances as desired, if the seam was stitched. Press, then turn both legs right side out.

9 On the waistband, over one circle marking, install an eyelet according to the instructions. Repeat over the other circle marking. With right sides together, pin the two short ends of the waistband together. Stitch from the edge to the top cross marking. Sew from the middle cross marking to the other edge; the gap left between the two crosses will be used to insert the elastic. Press the seam allowances open.

10 With the wrong side inside, fold and press the waistband in half lengthwise. With right sides together, pin the waistband loop to the top edge of the assembled front and back, with the eyelets against the right side of the front, matching the

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centre front and centre back, as well as the notches to the side seams. The waistband loop is slightly smaller than the top of the assembled front and back; you will need to stretch the waistband to match.

11 Stitch or overlock around the waistband as pinned. Finish the seam allowances as desired, if the seam was stitched. Flip the waistband up. Press the seam allowances toward the waistband of the trousers. Put a safety pin at one short end of the elastic. Thread the elastic through the centre-back opening of the waistband. Pull one end of the elastic through the waistband until it emerges from the same centre-back opening again; be sure not to twist the elastic inside the waistband. Both ends of the elastic should be visible at the centre-back opening. The fabric of the waistband bunches up as a result. Remove the safety pin.

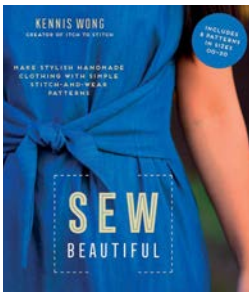
12 Place a 3.8cm square of woven fabric underneath one end of the elastic. Position the elastic so that its end is in the middle of the fabric. Sew several lines of stitches to secure the elastic onto the fabric. Taking care not to twist, place the other end of the elastic onto the same piece of woven fabric. Position the elastic so that its end is in the middle of the fabric and the two ends of the elastic are butted together. Stitch several lines of stitches to secure onto the fabric. Arrange the elastic so that it is completely inside the waistband.

13 Put a safety pin at one end of the drawstring cord. Insert the drawstring cord into one of the eyelet holes. Thread it through the waistband until it comes out of the other eyelet hole. If your safety pin is too large for the hole, wrap one end of the drawstring in a few layers of cellophane tape to make it rigid, then you can insert the end through the waistband. If you are using cord ends, apply them at the end of the drawstring cord. Otherwise, tie a knot at each end of the drawstring cord. Make sure the drawstring cord is centred. Arrange the centre-back opening of the waistband so that very little, if any, of the elastic is visible. Edgestitch along each side of the opening on the waistband through all layers, including the elastic.

14 Evenly distribute the fabric of the waistband along the elastic. Starting at the centre back seam, using a stitch length of 3mm, topstitch the circumference of the waistband through the elastic while stretching the elastic fully; the topstitch line is 6mm from the top edge of the waistband. Steam the waistband with an iron so that the elastic shrinks to its original length. Finish the bottom edge of the leg as desired, and repeat for the other leg. Fold and press 2.5cm of the bottom edge of the leg toward the wrong side and pin. Topstitch around the leg 2.2cm from the fold and press.

TREAT YOURSELF

If you're making your Fortuna trousers from a jersey knit, invest in baby lock's Enspire model. The adjustable differential feed will help you to avoid unwanted puckering and wavy seams, there's no need to follow any threading points and there are no loose threads that could get tangled up. Simply insert the desired looper thread into the respective looper port, push the lever down and a gust of air shoots your thread up to the tip of the looper. **babylock.co.uk**



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Creating your dream wardrobe has never been easier, thanks to *Sew Beautiful* by Kennis Wong. Fortuna trousers reprinted with permission from Page Street Publishing Co. Photography by Ray Morgan. **£18.99, amazon.**

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CUT OUT & KEEP

FORTUNA TROUSERS

Designer: Kennis Wong

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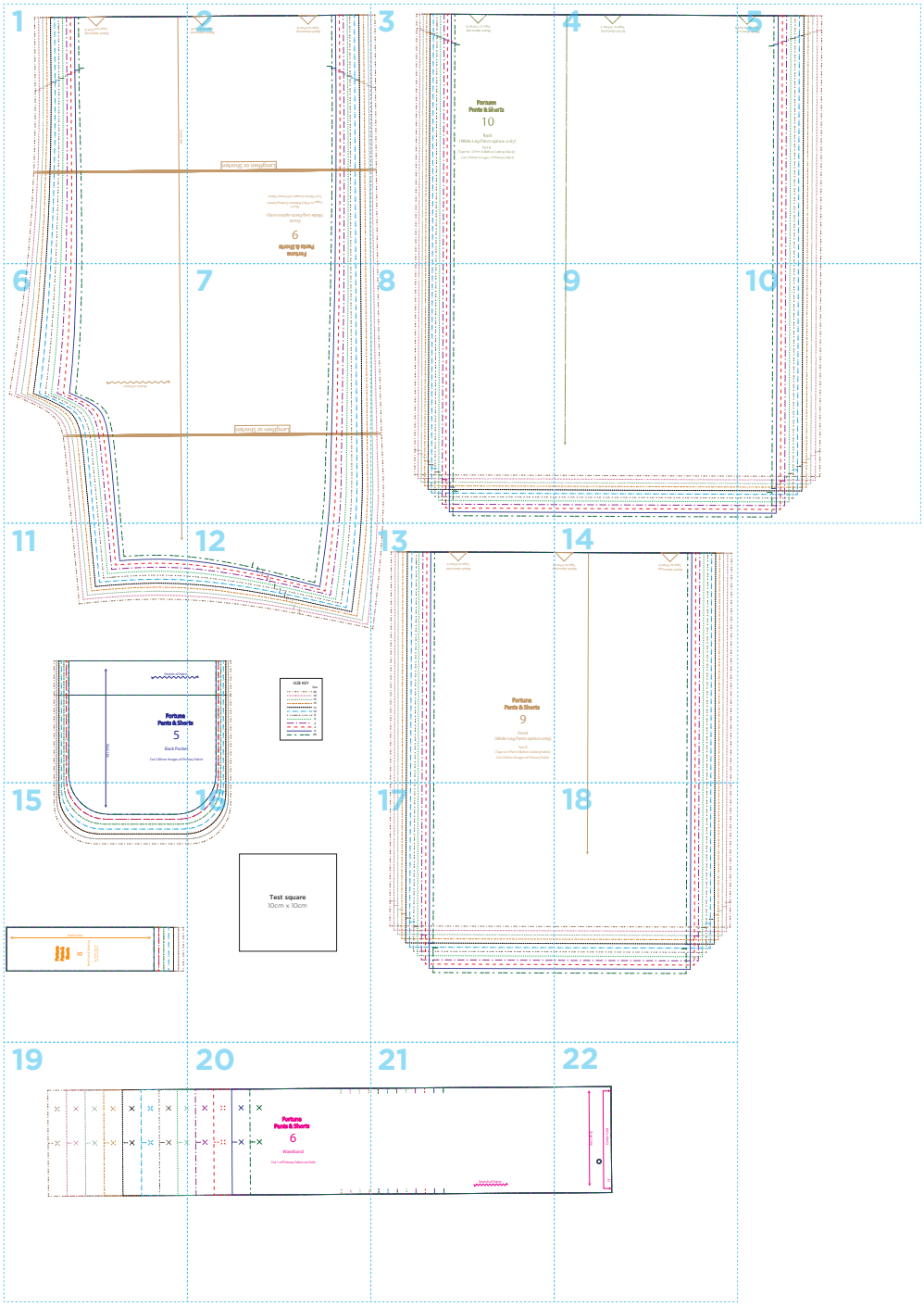

Once you have your body measurements, choose the closest size from the chart below. Remember, there will be variations depending on which fabric and pattern you choose, so always make a toile first.

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Waist	72cm	75.5cm	79.5cm	83cm	87cm	90.5cm	94.5cm	98cm	102cm	105.5cm	109cm	113cm
Hip	83.5cm	87.5cm	91cm	94.5cm	98cm	102cm	105.5cm	109cm	113cm	116.5cm	120cm	124cm
Front crotch length	21.5cm	22cm	22.5cm	23cm	23.5cm	24cm	24.5cm	25cm	25.5cm	26.5cm	27cm	27.5cm
Back crotch length	33.5cm	34.5cm	35.5cm	36cm	37cm	37.5cm	38.5cm	39cm	40cm	40.5cm	41.5cm	42.5cm
In-seam length	77.5cm	77cm	77cm	76.5cm	76cm	75.5cm	75cm	75cm	74.5cm	74cm	73.5cm	73cm
Elastic length	66.5cm	70cm	73.5cm	77cm	80.5cm	84cm	87.5cm	91cm	94.5cm	98cm	101.5cm	105cm

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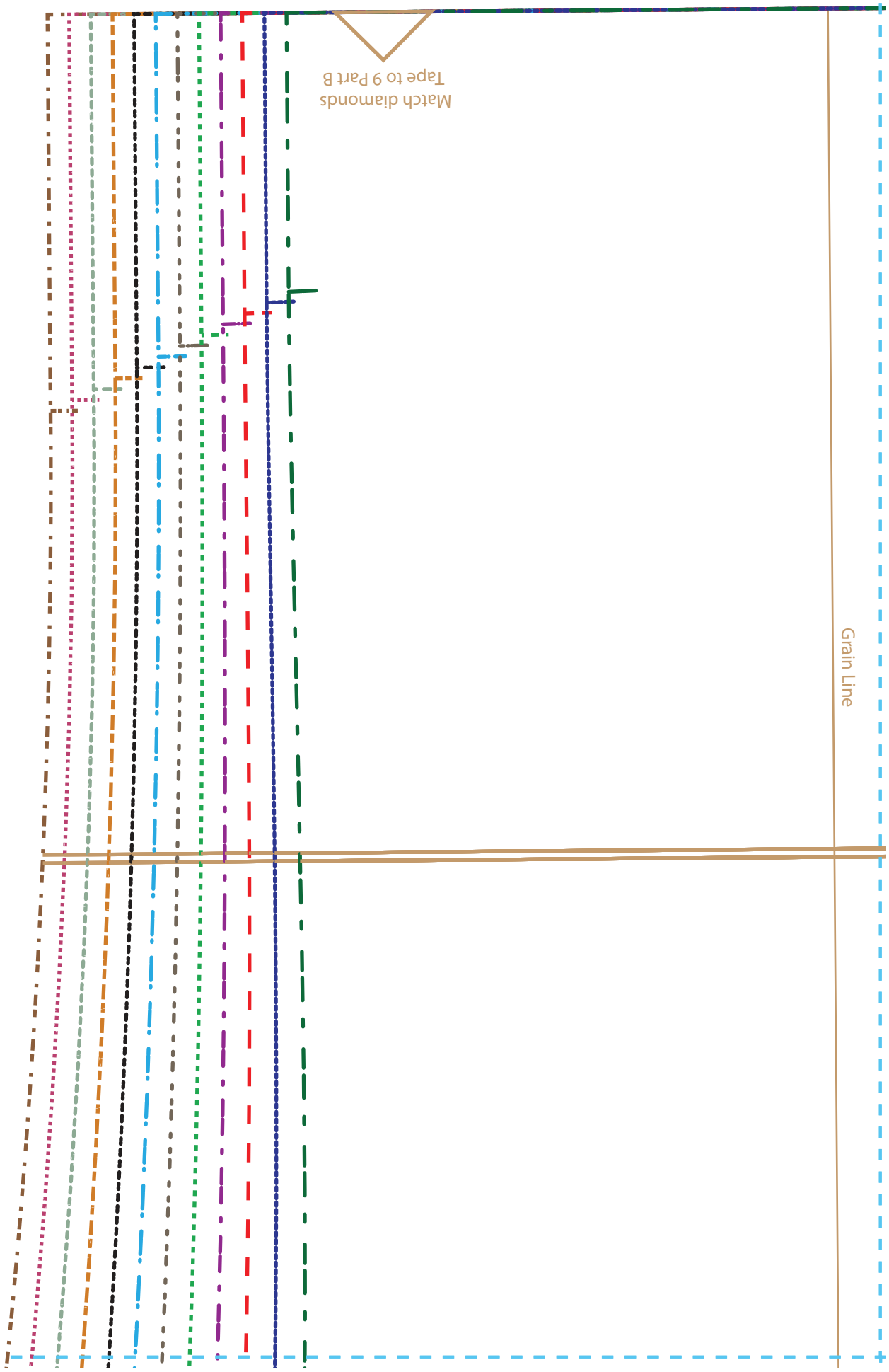

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Front
(Wide-Leg Pants option only)

Part A
(Tape to 9 Part B Before Cutting Fabric)

Cut 2 Mirror Images of Primary Fabric

Lengthen or Shorten

Match diamonds
Tape to 9 Part B

Match diamonds
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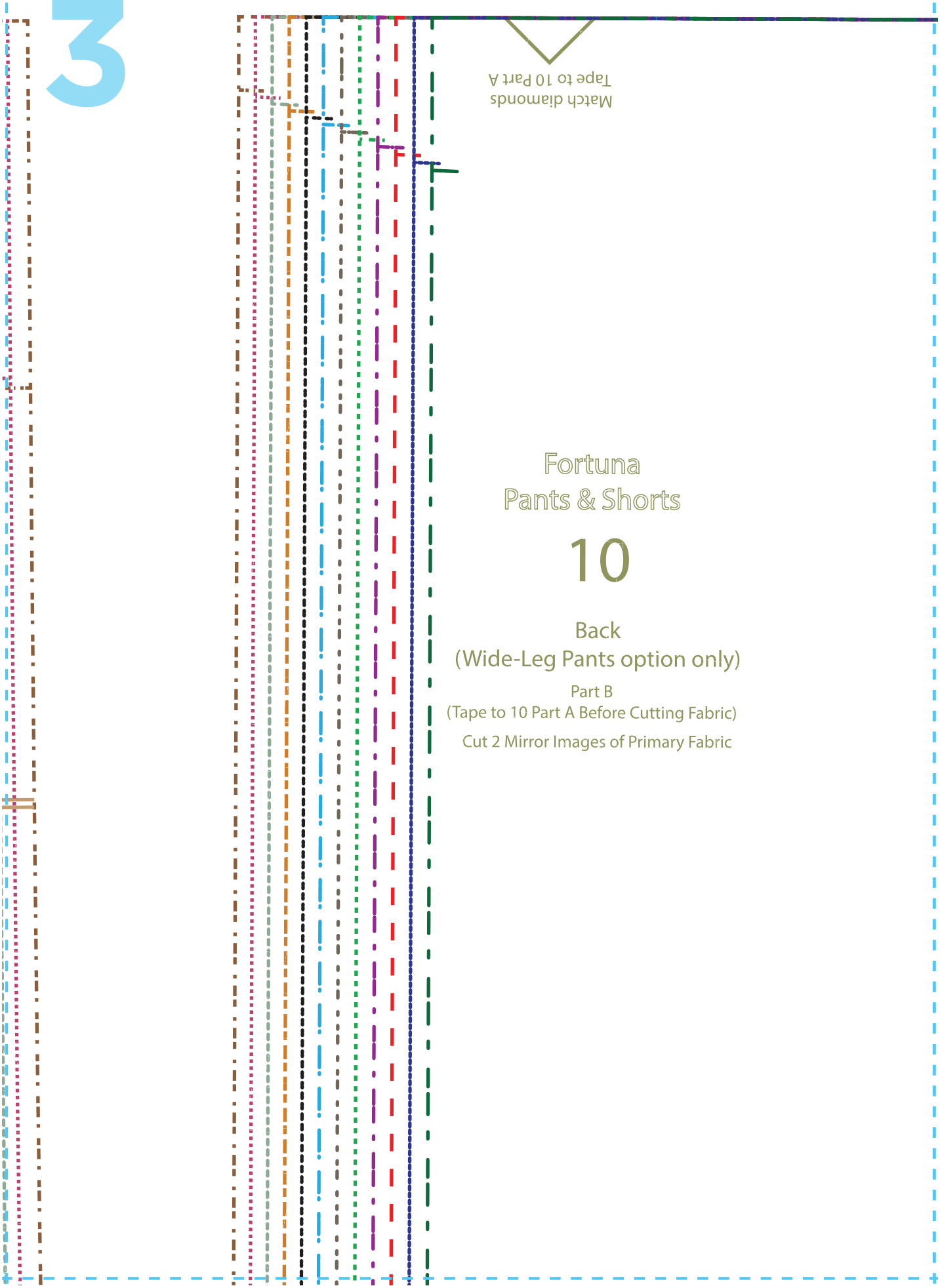

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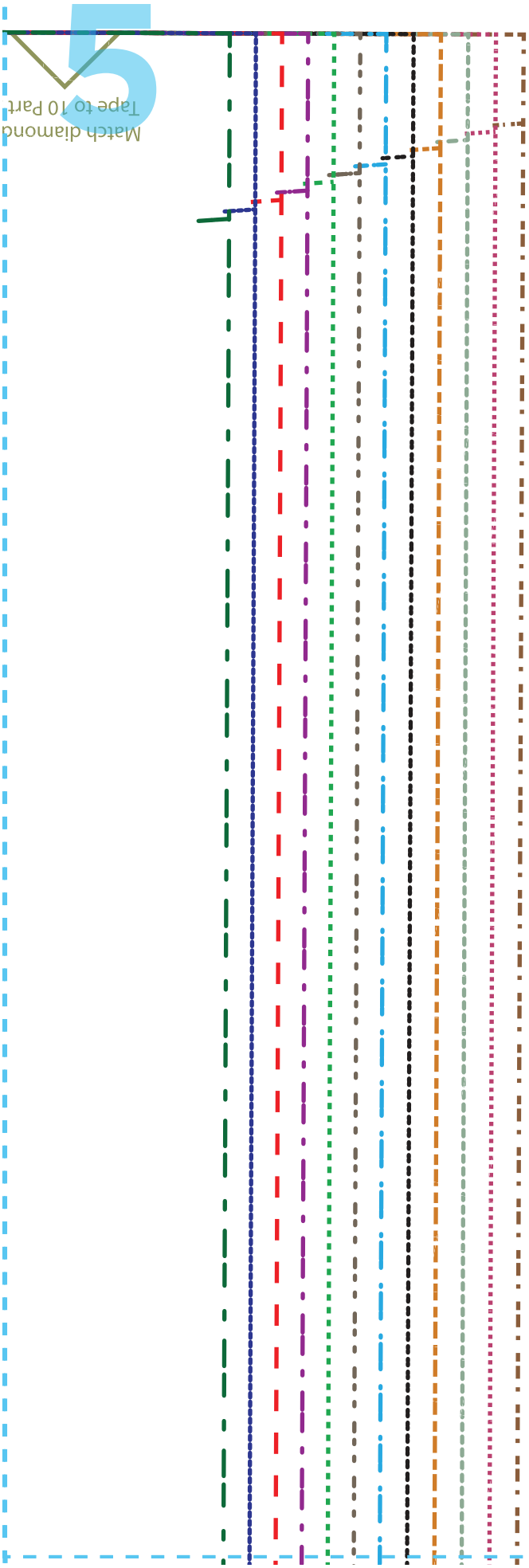
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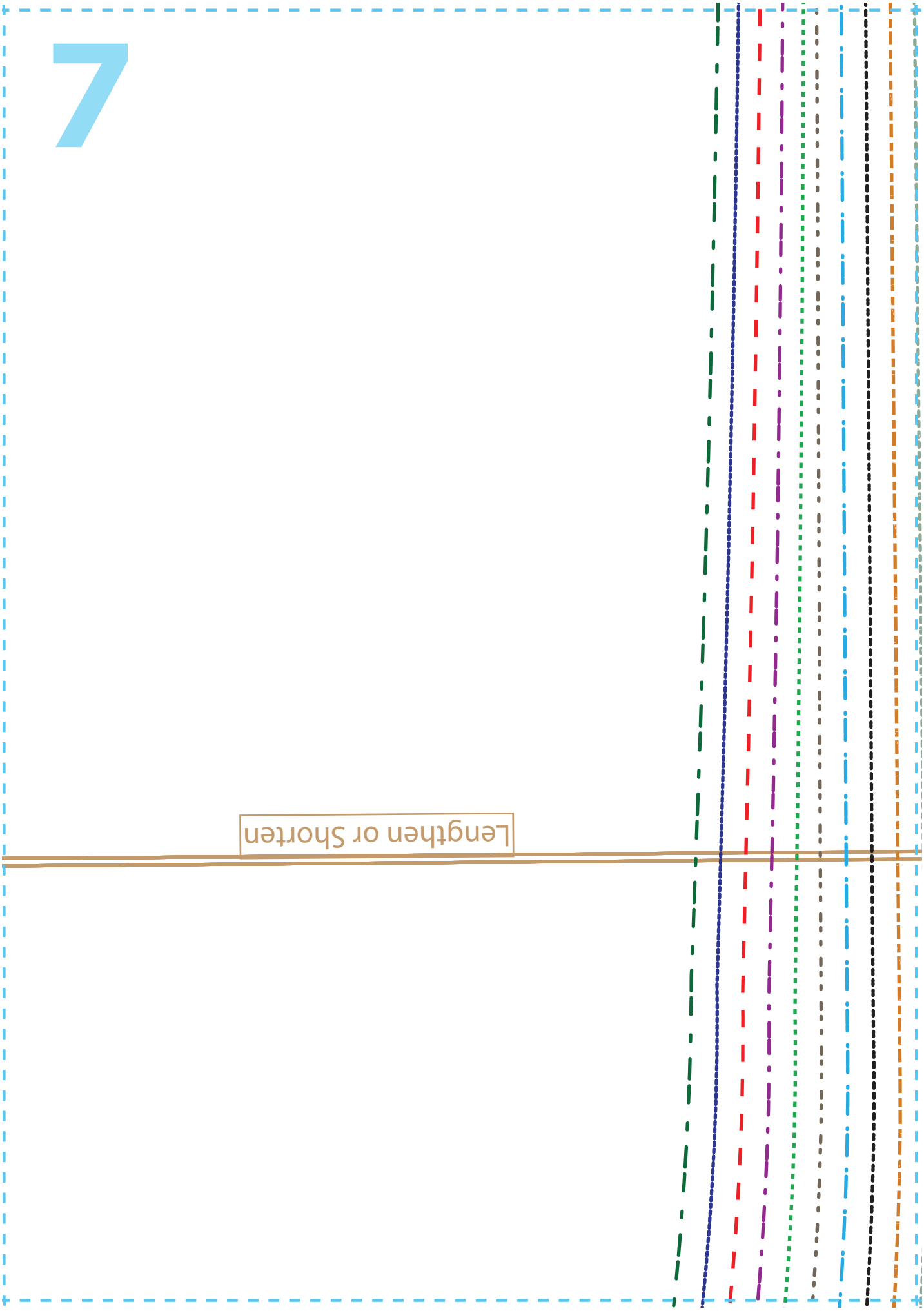

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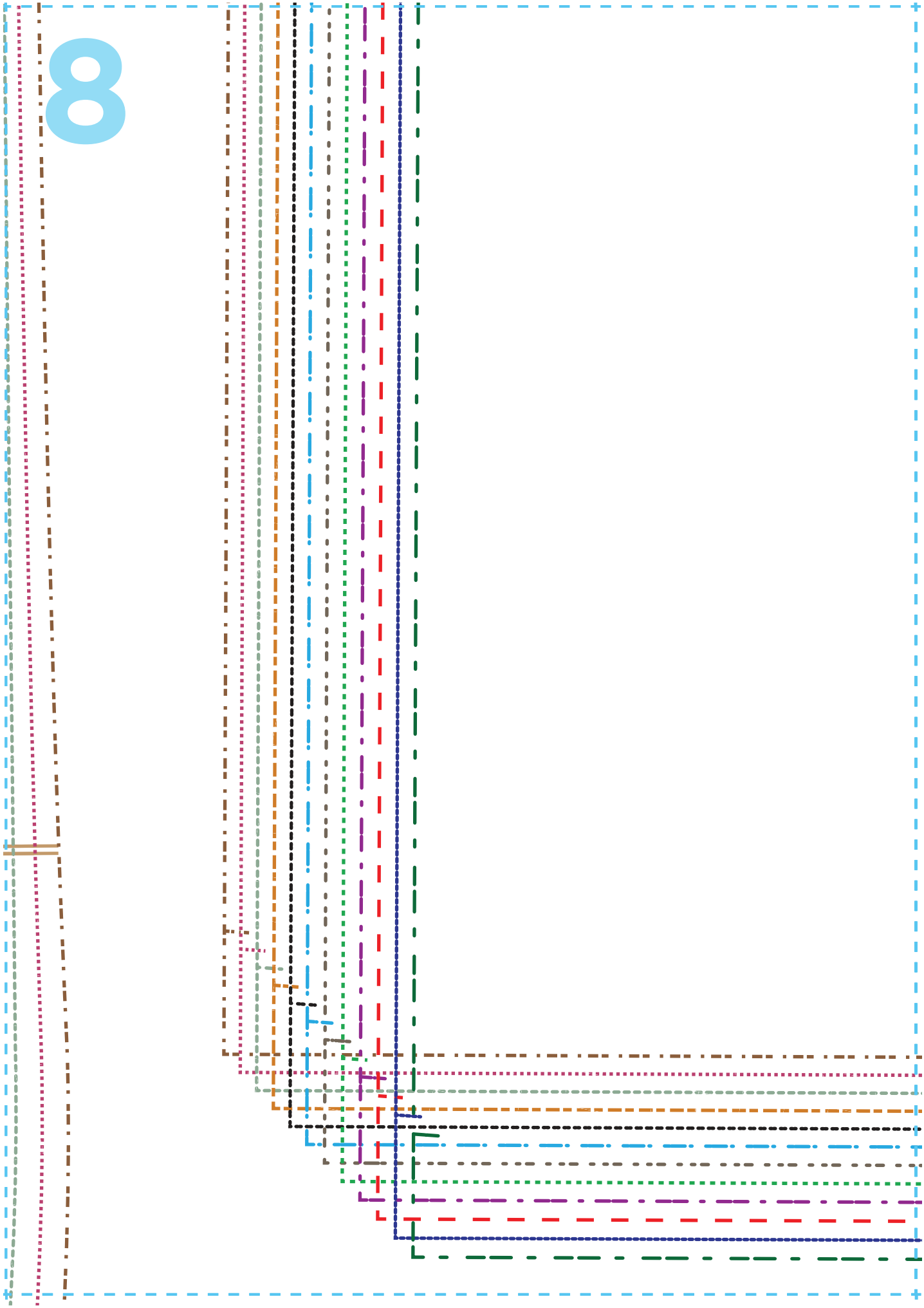

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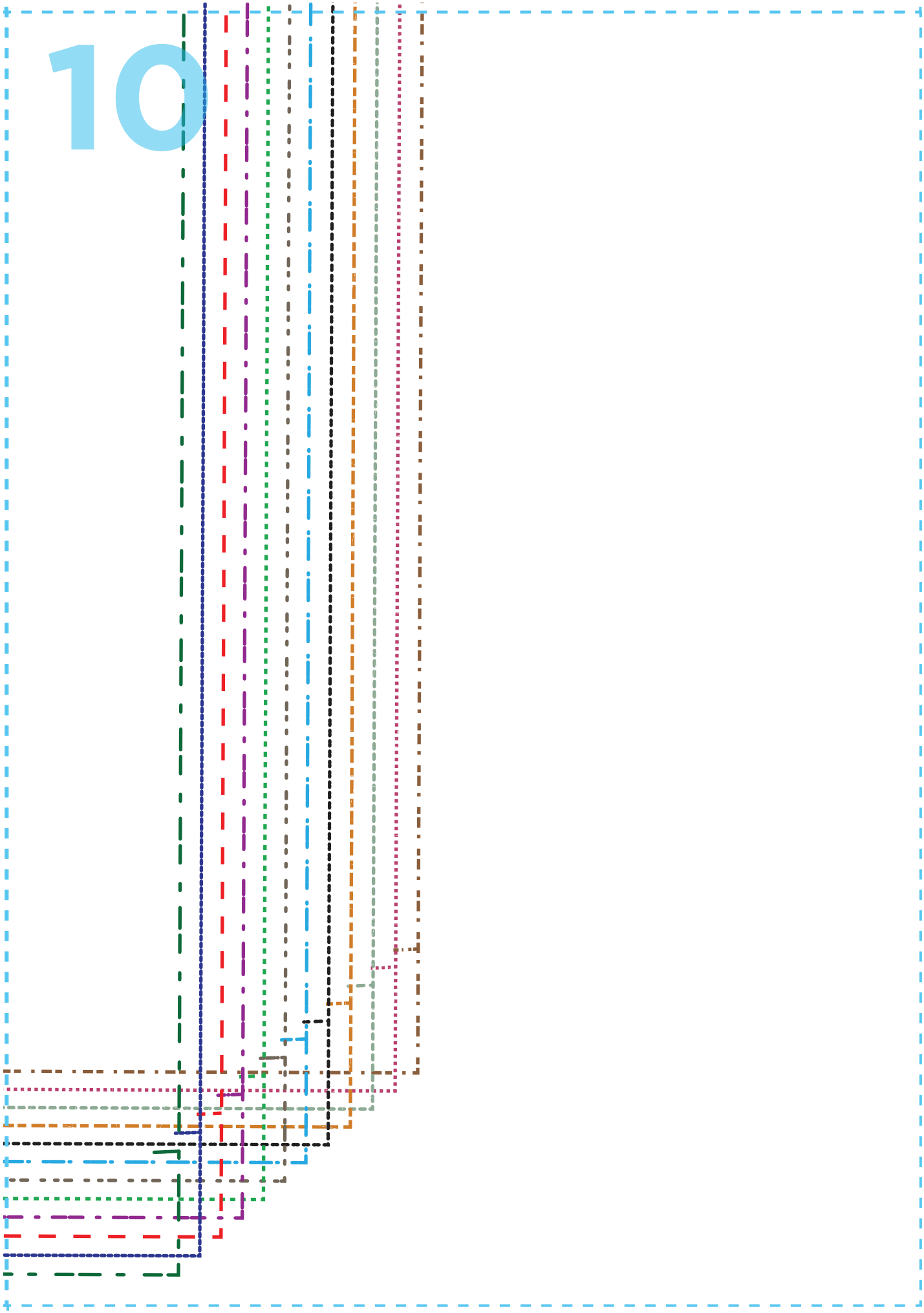
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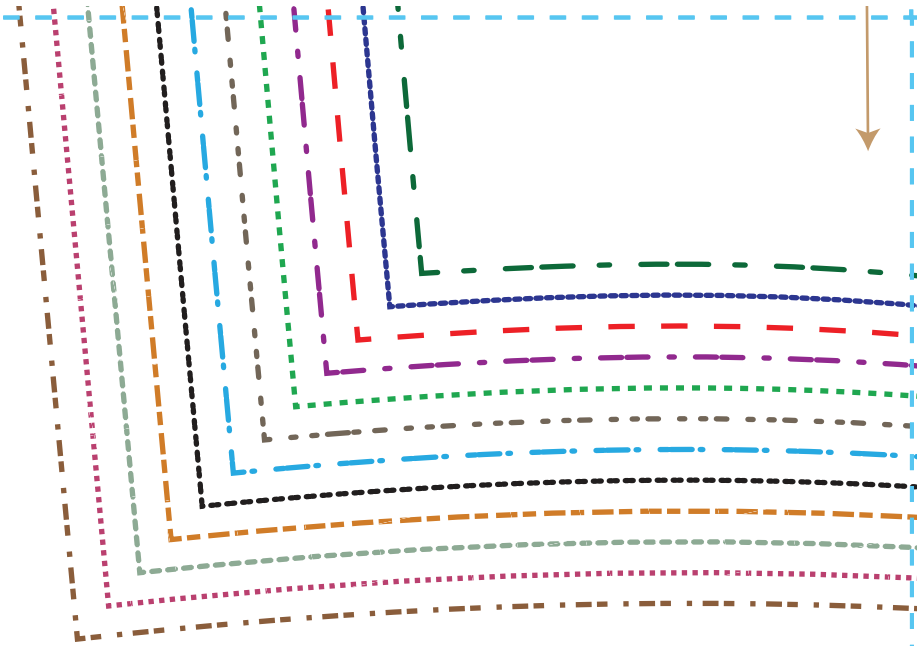

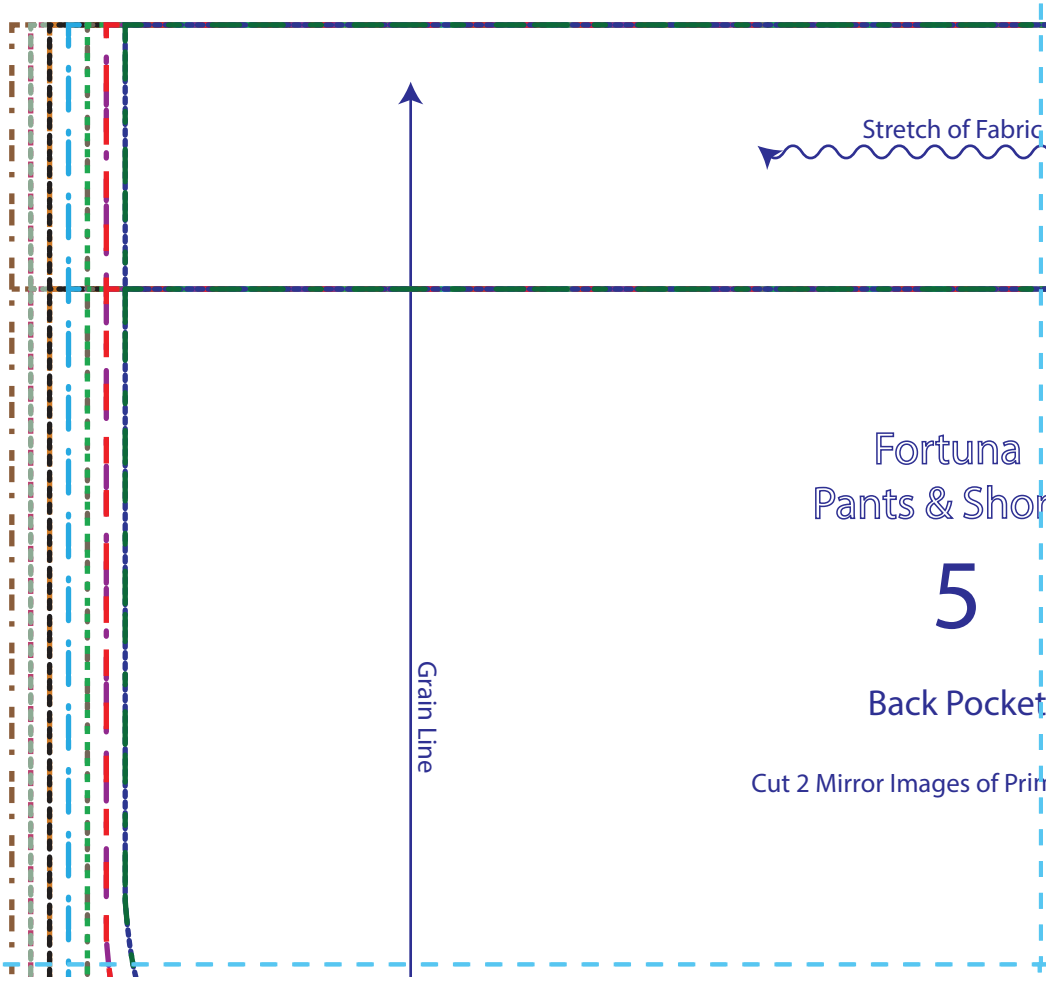

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Back Pocket

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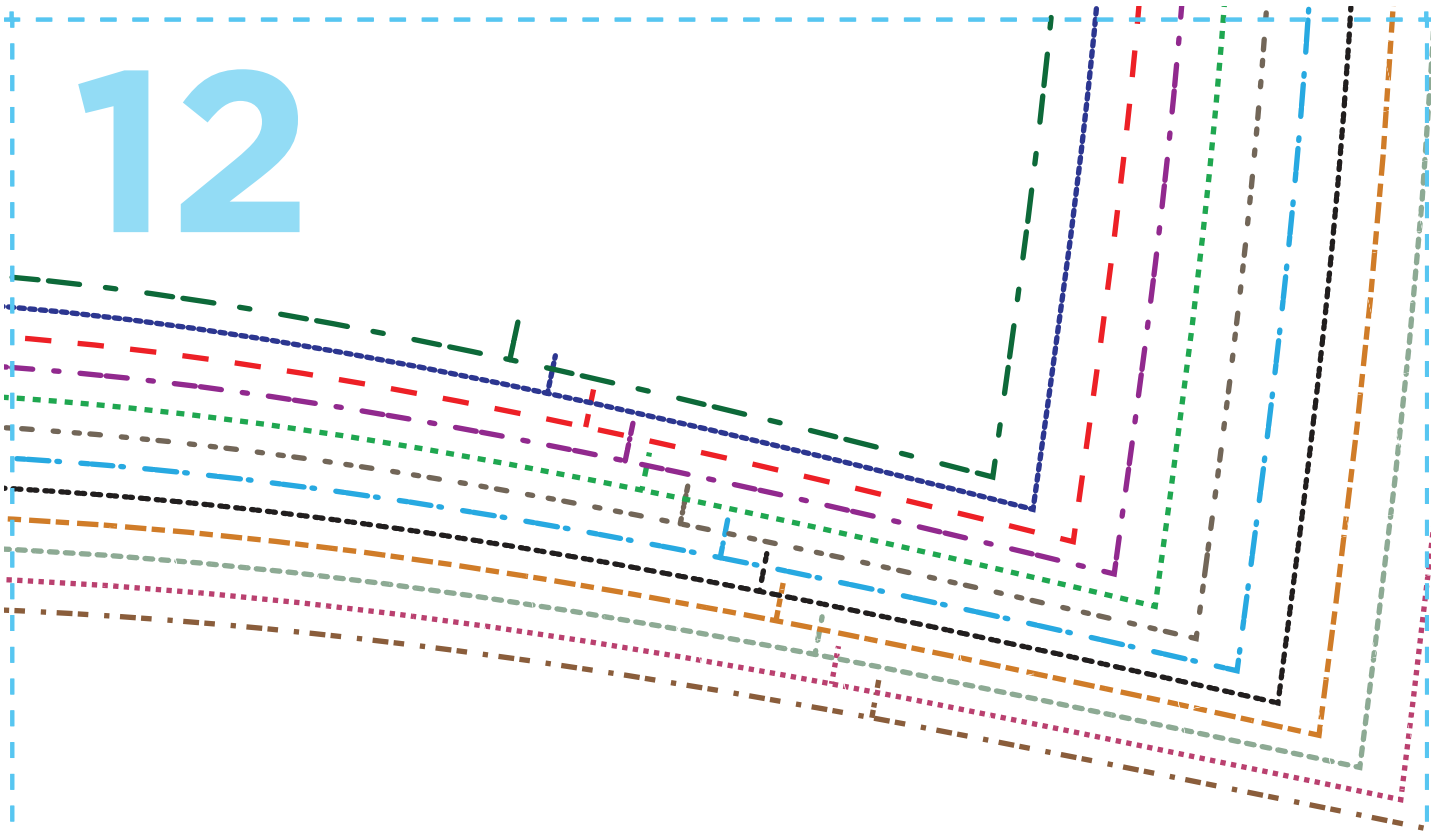

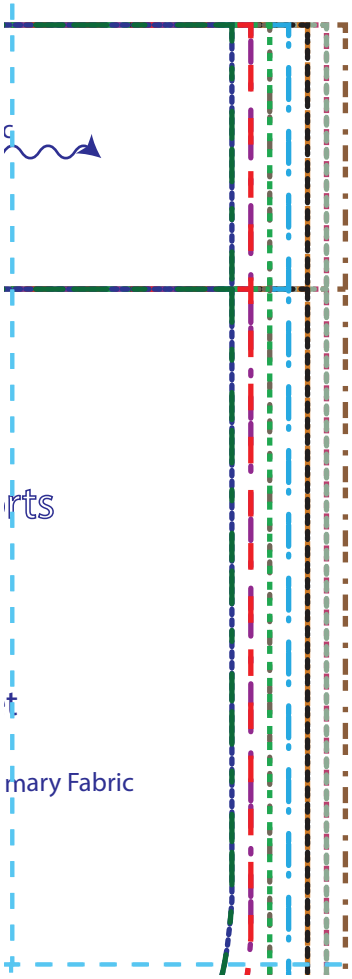

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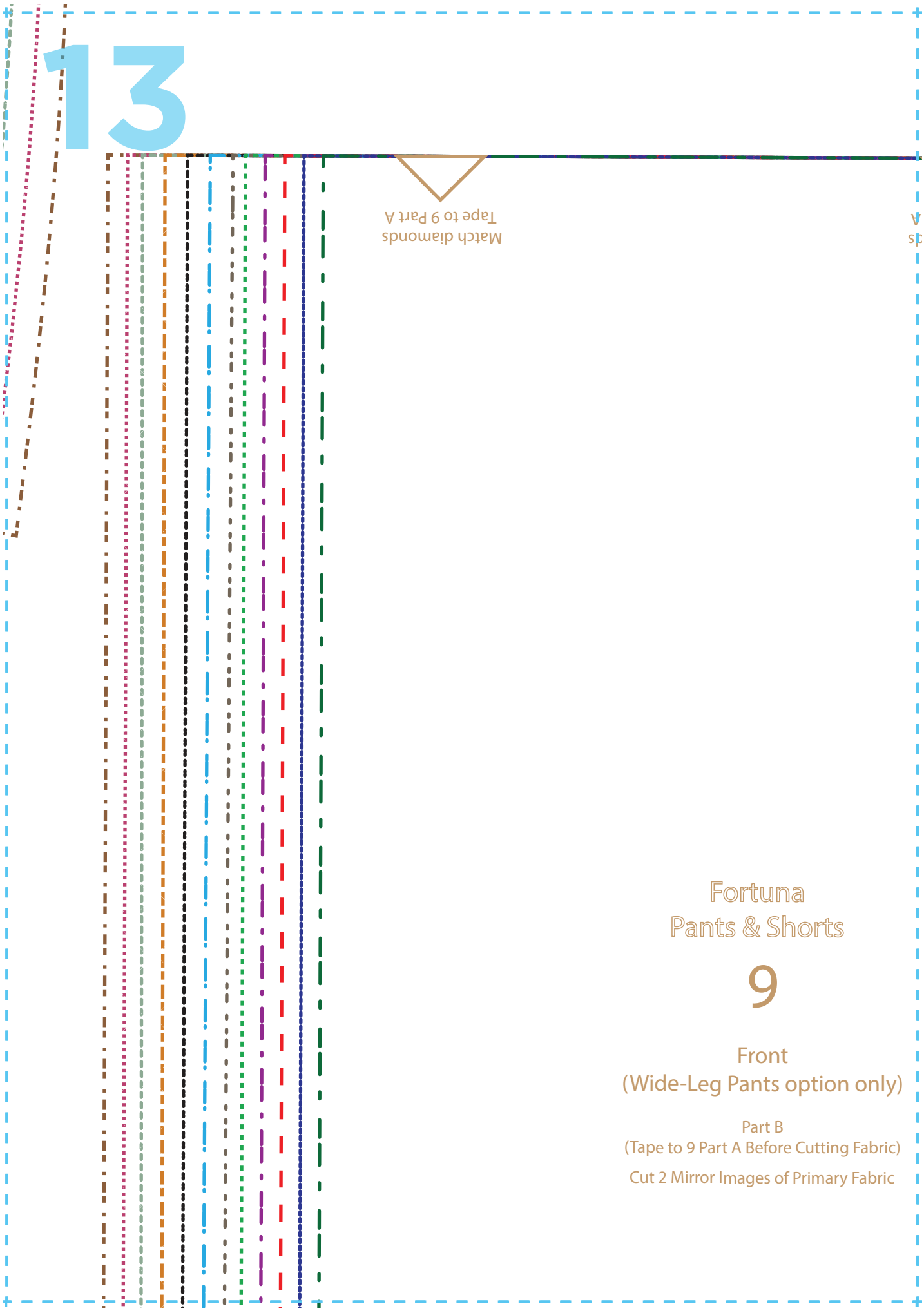

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Part B
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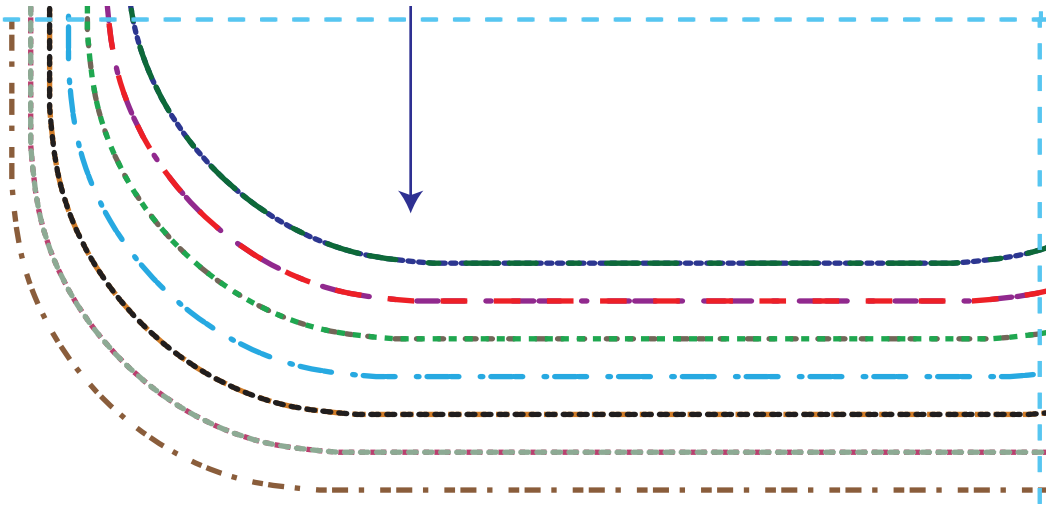

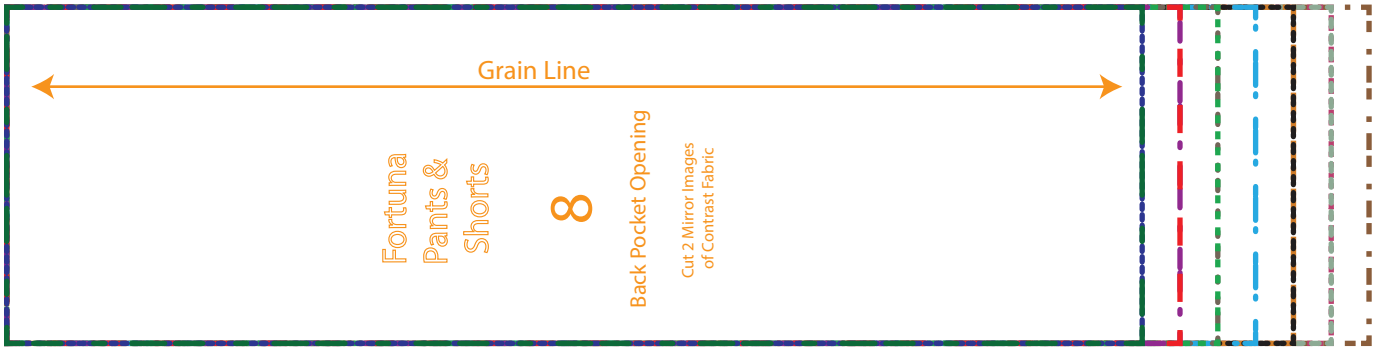
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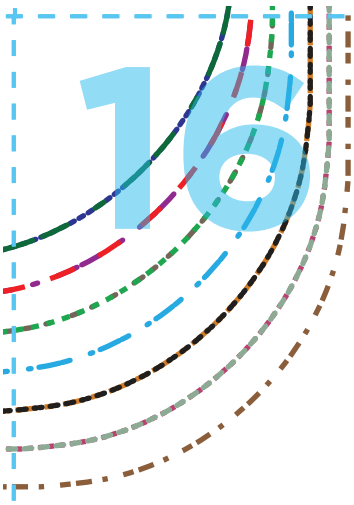

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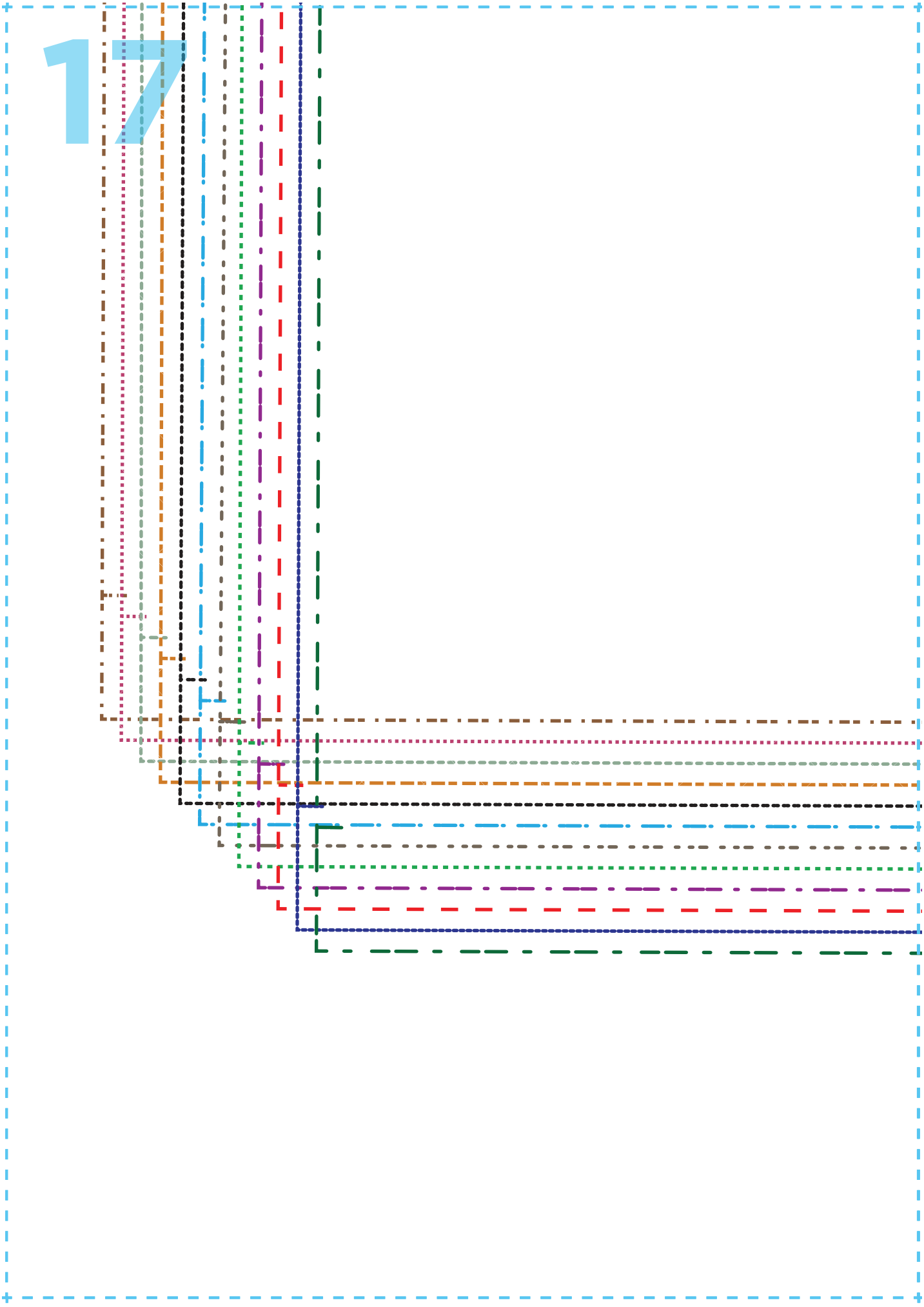
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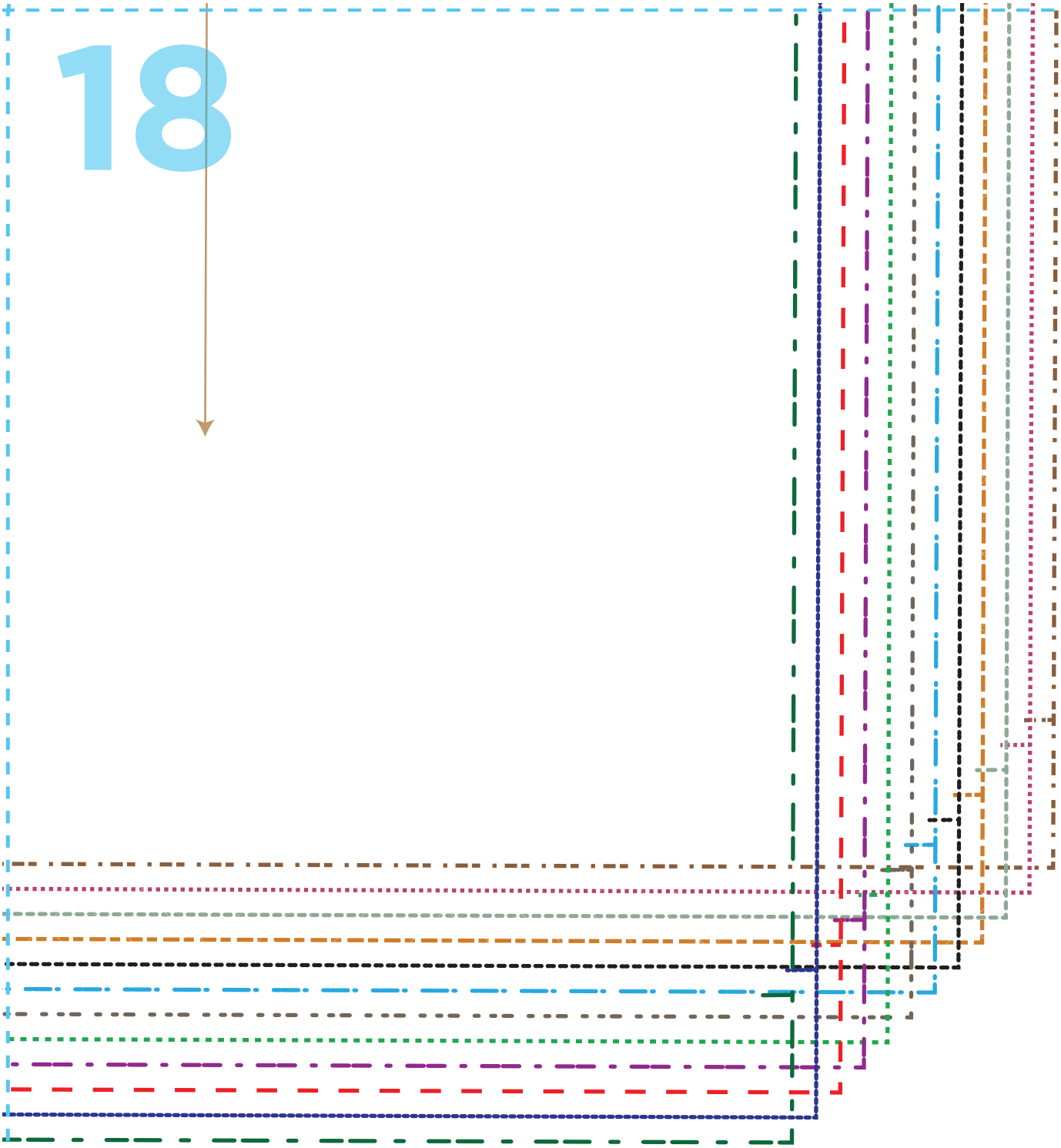

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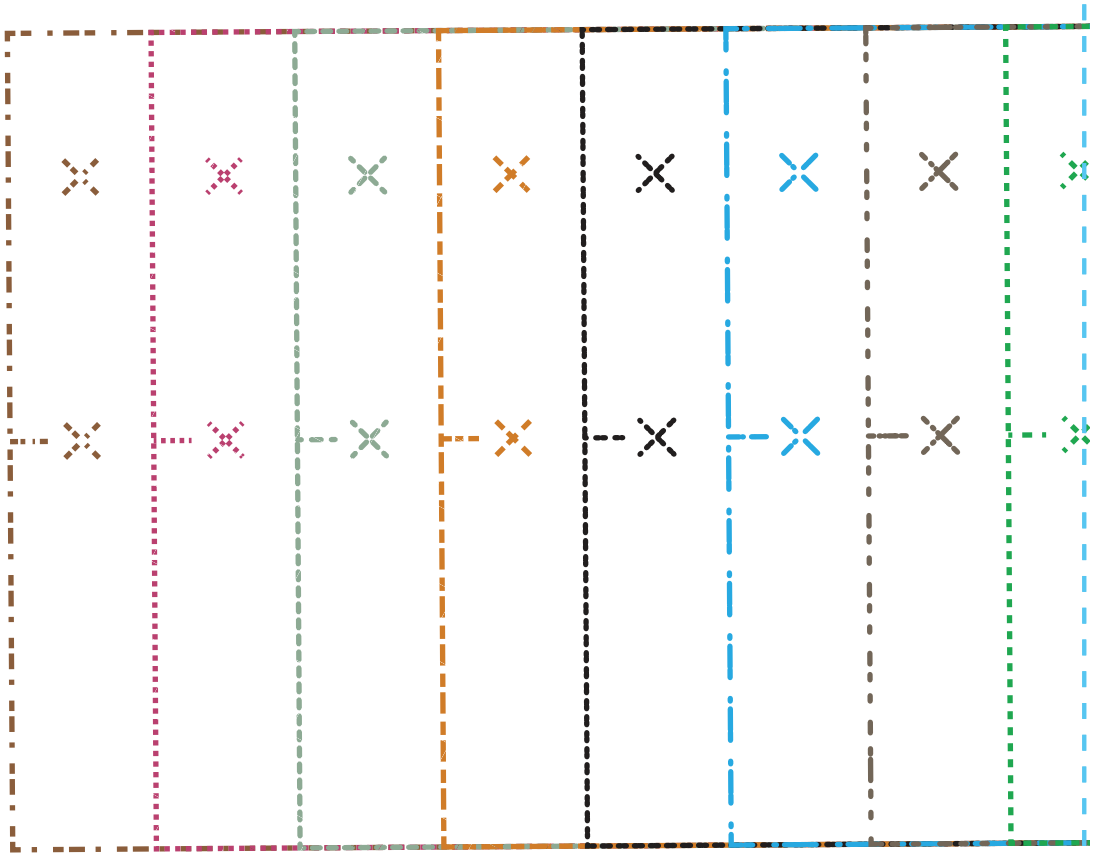

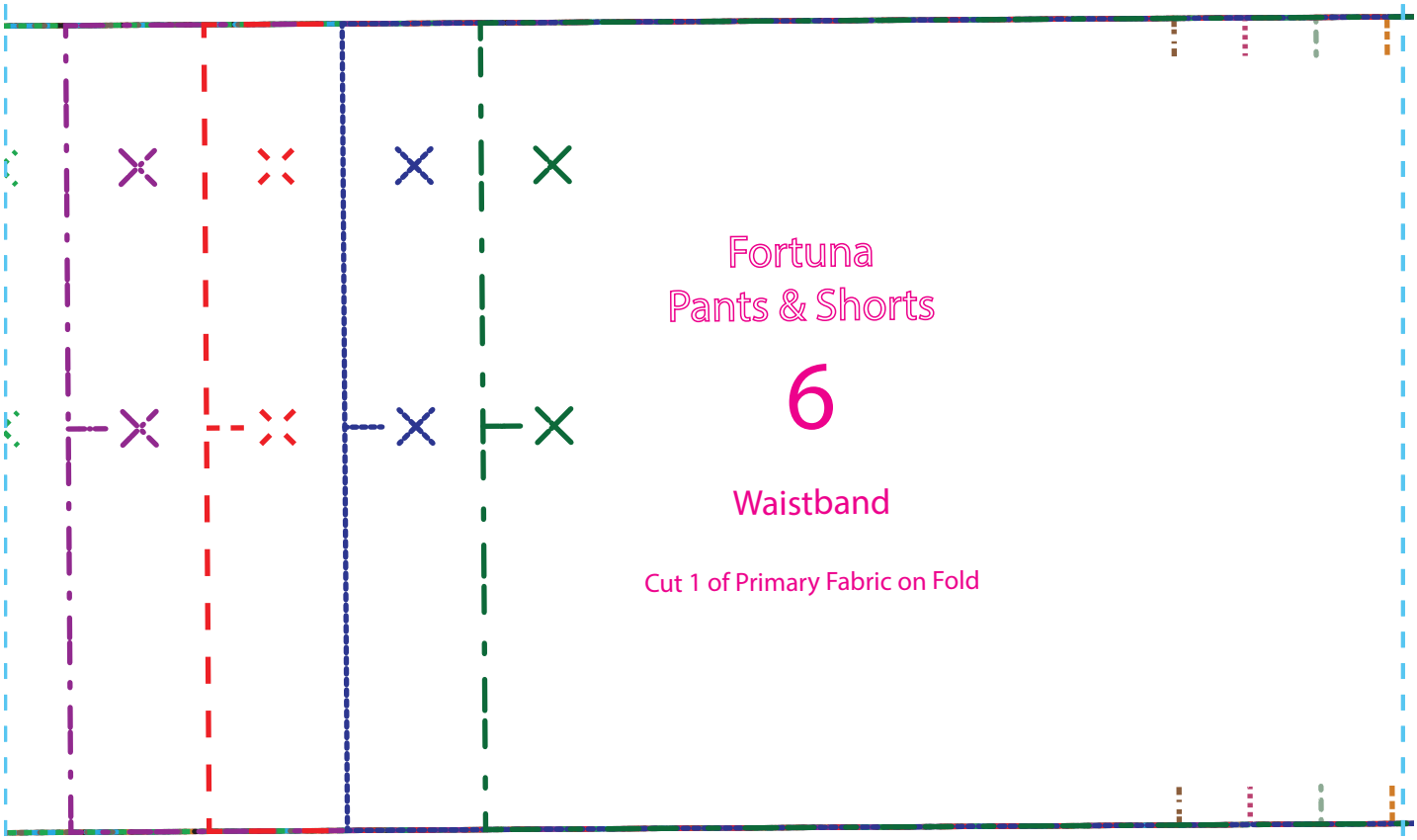

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Waistband

Cut 1 of Primary Fabric on Fold

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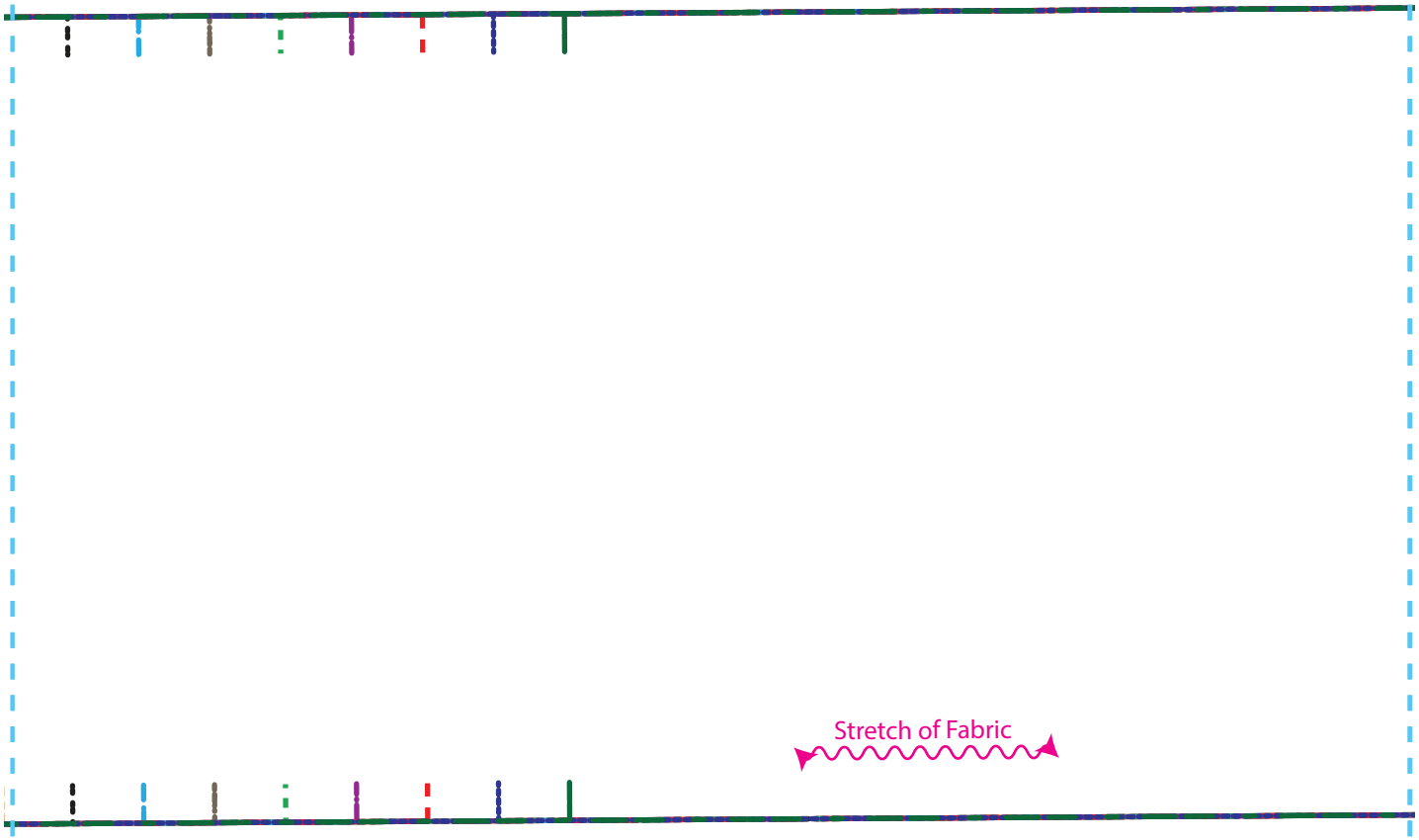

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